

## **Challenges for Change: Early Childhood and Afterschool Program Consultation, Quality Improvement & Professional Development**

### **PRODUCT: CURRENT INVESTMENTS**

**Charge:** Assess Vermont's current investments in expanding and supporting a skilled and capable early childhood and afterschool workforce and supporting and advancing the quality of early childhood and afterschool programs

#### **Childhood Development Division (CDD)**

Attached is a chart identifying investments of state General Funds and federal Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) by the CDD in SFY2010 supporting professional development for early childhood and afterschool practitioners and quality improvement for early childhood and afterschool programs.

#### **Additional investments / leveraged investment**

A range of additional contributors, both public and private, are supporting quality improvement and professional development in early childhood and afterschool programs. The Child Development Division needs to continue to recognize these essential contributors and leverage opportunities for expanding quality improvement and professional development opportunities in partnership with these other entities and programs. Following is a quick list of some, but not all, of the additional contributors:

#### ***Federal Government: Office of Head Start***

- Head Start – State technical assistance and money to individual programs/granting, and national centers for excellence

#### ***Department of Children and Families***

- Bright Futures Information System (BFIS) lists opportunities

#### ***State of Vermont (other)***

- Educational requirement in licensing
- VT Department of Education
  - Early Childhood & Early Childhood Special Ed (Vt Dept of Ed and UVM to support ec and education folks to get an education license)
  - afterschool program investments (21<sup>st</sup> Century)
  - child & adult food program education to providers
  - Foundations for Early Learning (statewide training) from US Department of Education
- Act 62 pre-k initiative provision to allow home-based programs to have a consulting teacher
- Early Education Initiative grants



- VT Student Assistance Corp (VSAC)
- VT Dept of Labor workforce education and training funds
- Global Commitment Medicaid

***Private/Non-Governmental***

- Private business owners and individual practitioners' input into staff development
- VT Business Roundtable – how to run a business, local challenges
- Higher Education Collaborative (HEC)
- Higher education institutions financial aid and career counseling
- Foundation supports, early education focus, i.e. CS Mott Foundation
- Corporate grants leveraged by having community-based services from the State of Vermont, i.e. IBM, banks
- Individual contributions for professional development (donations)
- Council on the Humanities provides literacy training and resources
- Stern Center
- Vermont Very Special Arts (mentoring)
- Vermont Early Educators United
- United Way
- Parents